

# Kenny Scharf

## Biography

### Kenny Scharf

Born 1958 in Los Angeles, California

Currently lives and works in Los Angeles, California

### Education

#### 1980

Bachelor of Fine Arts, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY.

### Solo Exhibitions

#### 2021

Earth, Almine Rech, Shanghai, China

Phlatscreenz TVOD, Honor Fraser Gallery Aspen

Vaxi Nation, Almine Rech, Paris, France

#### 2020

Dystopian Painting, Almine Rech, New York, NY

Moodz, Jeffrey Dietch, Miami, FL

Moodz, Jeffrey Dietch, Los Angeles, LA

#### 2019

Optimistically Melting, Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Anxiously Optimistic, Baik Gallery, Seoul, Korea

Universalis, La Nave Salinas, Ibiza, Spain

Blue Blood, Totah, New York, NY

Viva Lo Vivo, After & Again, Mexico City, Mexico

#### 2018

Super Pop Universe, Lotte Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea

Inner and Outer Space, Lelia Heller Gallery, Dubai, UAE

Scharftopia The Far Out World of Kenny Scharf, Gustavus College, Minnesota  
Kenny Scharf, David Klien Gallery, Detroit, Michigan

Paradis Perdu, Galerie Enrico Navarra, Paris, France

#### 2017

Blox and Bax, Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.

Inner and Outer Space, Jeffrey Deitch, New York, NY

#### 2016

Kenny Scharf, Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, NY

**2015**

Born Again, Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.  
SCHOW, Frederic Snitzer Gallery, Miami, FL

**2014**

Pace Face, Pace Prints, New York, NY  
Kenny Scharf, Colette, Paris, France

**2013**

Kolors, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY  
Amerikulture, Eric Firestone Gallery, East Hampton, NY

**2012**

Hodgepodge, The Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.

**2011**

Naturafutura, Paul Kasmin, New York, NY

**2009**

Barberadise, Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

**2008**

Superdeluxa, Waddington Gallery, London, UK  
80's Back, Seomi & Tuus, Seoul, Korea

**2007**

NEW! Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY

**2006**

Astro Cumulo Nibus Uber Express, Raleigh Hotel Art Basel, Miami Beach, FL

**2005**

Superpop, Paul Kasmin Gallery New York, NY  
Outer Limits, Patrick Painter Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

**2004**

Groovenian Drawings, Kantor Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
Schablobz, Kenny Schachter/Rove, New York, NY  
California Grown, Pasadena Museum of California Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Face Value, Kevin Bruk Gallery, Miami Beach, FL

**2003**

Nightlight, Patrick Painter Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
Paintings 1990-1997, Cotthem Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

**2002**

Muted, Chac Mool Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

## 2001

Car Nation, UC Fullerton Grand Central Art Center, Santa Ana, CA  
Portraits, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY  
Hollywood Stars, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions Los Angeles, CA

## 2000

Gagosian Gallery, Beverly Hills, CA  
Small Paintings & Bronzes, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY  
Closet # 18, Young at Art Children's Museum, Davie, FL

## 1999

Heads, Small Paintings and Closet # 16, Galerie Hans Mayer, Berlin, Germany  
New Sculpture, PICA-Portland Institute for Contemporary Art Portland, OR  
Heads and Small Paintings, Galerie Hans Mayer, Dusseldorf, Germany

## 1998

Kenny Scharf, Galerie Ramis Barquet, Monterrey, Mexico  
Kenny Scharf, McIntosh Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
Kenny Scharf, Kantor Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

## 1997

Pop Surrealist, Salvador Dali Museum, St. Petersburg, FL  
When Worlds Collide, Curated by Barry Blinderman, University Galleries Illinois State, IL Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY  
Ultraelektrik, Paintings, Sculpture & Customized Appliances, Sony Building New York, NY

## 1996

Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery NY.  
El Mundo de Kenny Scharf, Museo de Art Contemporaneo de Monterrey, Mexico  
Kenny Scharf, Heads Center for the Fine Arts, Miami, FL  
Kenny Scharf, Galerie 56, Budapest, Hungary

## 1995

Early Paintings 1975-78, Yoshi Gallery, New York, NY  
Kenny Scharf, Galerie Cotthem-Hedwig Van Impe, Knokke, Belgium Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY  
Scharf-O-Rama 1978-1995, Museum of Art, Ft.Lauderdale, FL

## 1994

Wildlife, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

## 1993

Kenny Scharf, Works on Paper , Galerie Burkhard R Eikelmann, Dusseldorf Kenny Scharf, Closet #11, Cafe Click, Dusseldorf, Germany  
Kenny Scharf, Closet # 10 World Gallery Miami, FL

## 1992

Kenny Scharf, Edward Totah Gallery, New York, NY  
Kenny Scharf, Galeria Rocca 6, Torino, Italy  
Kenny Scharf, Galeria Seno, Milan, Italy

**1991**

Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery NY  
Kenny Scharf, Studio Trisorio, Naples, Italy  
Kenny Scharf, AC&T Corporation, Tokyo, Japan  
Kenny Scharf, Galerie Hans Mayer, Dusseldorf, Germany  
Kenny Scharf, Akira Ikeda Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

**1990**

Kenny Scharf, Galerie Beaubourg, Paris, France

**1989**

Kenny Scharf, Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

**1988**

Kenny Scharf, Akira Ikeda Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

**1987**

Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

**1986**

Kenny Scharf, Akira Ikeda Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

**1985**

Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY  
Kenny Scharf, Galerie Bruno Bischofberger, Zurich, Germany

**1984**

Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY  
Kenny Scharf, Gagosian Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

**1983**

Kenny Scharf, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY  
Kenny Scharf, American Graffiti Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands

**1982**

Kenny Scharf, Fun Gallery, New York, NY

**1981**

Kenny Scharf, National Studio Artists P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center  
Kenny Scharf, Customized Appliances Club 57, New York, NY  
Kenny Scharf, The Jetsons Fun Gallery, New York, NY

**1979**

Kenny Scharf, Celebration of the Space Age, Club 57, New York, NY

**Group Exhibitions**

## 2023

'TEMPO. TEMPO! TEMPO?', Kunstmuseum Schloss Derneburg, Derneburg, Germany  
'Basquiat X Warhol, À Quatre Mains', Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France

## 2021

'Salon de Peinture', Almine Rech, New York, USA  
'Un Hiver à Paris', Almine Rech, Paris, France

## 2020

The Shadow, Totah, New York, NY

## 2019

Happy, NSU Art Museum, FL  
Beyond The Streets, Brooklyn, New York  
Fatherhood, Over the Influence, Los Angeles, CA  
Summer of '82, Curated by Dan Cameron, Johannes Vogt, New York, NY  
L.A. on Fire, Curated by Michael Slenske, Wilding Cran Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
Yesterday's Tomorrowland Today a Xerox Show, Winslow Garage, Los Angeles, CA

## 2018

Paper Trail, Allouche Gallery, New York, NY  
Polarities, Totah, New York, NY  
Auto didactic the Juxtapose School, Petersen Automotive Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
Warhol & Friends New York in the 80's, Palazzo Albergati, Bologna, Italy  
Dancing Goddesses, Dio Horia Gallery, Mykonos, Greece  
Under One Roof, Urban Nation Museum for Urban Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany  
Donald Baechler, Ross Bleckner, Enoc Perez & Kenny Scharf, Alloche Benais, Athens, Greece  
Beyond The Streets, Curated by Roger Gastman, Los Angeles, CA  
Stand Still: A Still Life Show, Allouche Gallery, New York, NY

## 2017

Bombay Beach Biennale, Curated by Lily Johnson, White Salton Sea, CA  
Animal Farm, Curated by Sadie Laska, Brant Foundation, Greenwich, CT  
Fast Forward - Painting from the 1980's, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
Club 57" Films, Performance and Art in the East Village 1978-1983, MoMA, NY, NYC

## 2016

Around the World in 86 Days, Ludwig Forum Aachen, Aachen, Germany  
A Selection of Works of the 80's, Vito Schnabel Gallery, St. Moritz, Switzerland  
Cosmic Connections, David Totah Gallery, New York, NY  
Piston Head 2 Artist Engage the Automobile, Venus Over Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
Masters: Urban & Street Art, Galerie Laurent Strouk, Paris, France  
The Neon Wilderness Voices from Los Angeles, The Conversation, Berlin, Germany  
Muse, Galerie Hideout, Paris, France  
Aftermodernism, Neumann Wolfson Art, Watermill, NY  
DESIRE, Curated by Diana Widmaier Picasso, Gagolian & Deitch, Art Basel Miami Beach, FL

## 2015

She Sells Seashells by the Seashore, Eric Firestone Gallery, East Hampton, NY

## 2014

Urban Theater, New York Art in the 1980's, The Modern Art Museum of Ft.Worth, Texas  
Fun and Games, Montalvo Art Center Saratoga, CA  
Saying Yes to Everything" : Honor Fraser Gallery Curated by Corrina Peipon Los Angeles, CA  
LOISADA" : NY's Lower East Side in the 80's Addison Gallery Andover, MA  
Appropriate Disruption" : Jacob Lewis Gallery NYC

## 2013

AREA THE EXHIBITION, The Hole NYC  
Artist Engage The Automobile" Pistonhead – Art Basel Miami Beach, Fl  
Calligraffiti" Leila Heller Gallery NY. NY  
Futures Project" Center for the Living Arts Mobile, Al  
Contemporary Magic" Tarot Deck Art Project The Dali Museum, St. Petersburg, Fl  
Virginia MOCA" Virginia Beach, VA

## 2012

Thank You Andy Warhol" Benrison Contemporary, NY. NY.  
Times Square Show Revisited" Leubsdorf Gallery Hunter College NY. NY  
Portrait of a Generation" The Hole Gallery NY. NY  
All For You" Eric Firestone Gallery East Hampton, NY

## 2011

The Artist Museum" MOCA Los Angeles, CA  
Art In The Streets" MOCA Los Angeles, CA  
New York Minute" Garage Center for Contemporary Culture, Moscow  
Facemaker" Curated by Kathy Grayson Royal-T, Culver City, CA  
Unfinished Paintings" Contemporary Exhibitions Los Angeles , CA  
Nose Job" Eric Firestone Gallery East Hampton, NY  
East Village West" Royal T Lounge Los Angeles, CA  
From Here to Eternity" Curated by Kenton Parker Scion Installation Space, Culver City, CA

## 2010

Pause" Cosmopolitan Hotel Las Vegas, NV  
Art Shack" Laguna Art Museum Laguna Beach, CA  
Mutant Pop" Loyal Gallery Malmo, Sweden

## 2009

Wynwood Walls" Outdoor Mural Project produced by Deitch Projects Art Basel Miami, FL Primary Flight" Site –  
specific Street Level Mural, Art Basel Miami, FL  
Loveable Like Orphan Kitties and Bastard Children" Green Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
Just What Are They Saying" Jonathan Ferrara Gallery New Orleans, LA  
Nude Show" Paul Kasmin Gallery New York, NY

## 2008

Four Friends, Tony Shafrazi Gallery New York, NY  
Totally Rad, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY  
American Standard, Design District Miami Beach, FL  
Juxtapose School, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach CA  
Zero Carat Jewelry Friedman, Benda Gallery, New York, NY

## **2007**

Four Friends, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY  
Art Parade, King of Parade, Jeffrey Deitch, New York, NY  
Big Secret Cache, Angstrom Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

## **2006**

Surrealism Then and Now, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY  
Juxtapose Anniversary, Copro Nason, Culver City, CA

## **2005**

Enjoy By, Bill Farroux, Venice, CA

## **2004**

East Village USA, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY  
Beginning Here: 101 Ways, Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY  
100 Artists See Satan, Grand Central Art Center, Santa Ana, CA

## **2003**

Quest, Vincent Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Splat, Boom, Pow, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX  
Portraits, Heidi Lee Fine Art, New York, NY  
Faces and Figures, The Art Museum at Florida International University, Miami, FL  
Beauty Stripped Bare / LA Black & White, BGH Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

## **1997**

In Your Face Haring, Basquiat & Scharf, Leo Malca Fine Art, New York, NY  
Art and Provocation: Images from Rebels, Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, Co

## **1996**

New Figuration, Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, Az  
Hot Off the Press: New Editions, Pace Prints, New York, NY

## **1995**

Altered and Irrational: Selections from the Permanent Collection, Whitney Museum, NY Art, Design and Barbie, Liberty Street Gallery, New York, NY  
Art + Architecture, Center for Contemporary Art, Miami  
A New York Time: Selected Drawings from the Eighties, Bruce Museum, Greenwich, CT

## **1993**

About Nature, Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH  
Art and Environment, National Arts Club, New York, NY  
Extravagant: The Economy of Elegance, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY  
1982-93: Ten Years After, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

## **1992**

1492, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Monterrey, Mexico  
Variations Gitanes, Grande Halle de la Villette, Paris  
Objets Trouves Galerie de Jour, Agnes B, Paris  
Balade de l'Amour Halle de l'Union des arts Decoratifs, Palais de Louvre, Paris  
Beauty Stripped Bare / LA Black & White, BGH Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

## 1991

American Art of the '80's, Palazzo delle Albere, Trento, Italy

Closet #9, Queens Museum of Art, Flushing, NY

Just What is it That Makes Today's Home So Different, So Appealing Hyde Collection, NY The 1980's: A Selected View from the Permanent Collection, Whitney Museum, New York, NY

## 1990

The Last Decade: American Artists of the '80's, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

## 1989

Don't Bungle the Jungle, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, NY

The Studio American Collection, Witkacy Theater, Zakopane, Poland

## 1988

Figure a Subject: Revival of Figuration Since 1975, Whitney Museum, New York, NY

The Weisman Collection, California State University, Fullerton, CA

## 1987

Comic Iconoclasm, Institute of Contemporary Art, London, UK

## 1986

An American Renaissance: Painting and Sculpture from 1940 to Present, Museum of Art, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Homage to Nicolas A. Moufarrage, Gabrielle Bryers Gallery, New York, NY

Picture From the Inner Mind The Palladium, Solway Gallery, New York, NY

Cincinnati, Cohn Gallery, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

## 1985

Biennial, Whitney Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY

Drawings, Leo Castelli, New York, NY

Eight Artists/Eight Years, SVA School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

East Village Artists, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, NY

Investigations Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, PA

Sights For Small Eyes, Heckscher Museum, Long Island, NY

Vernacular Abstraction, Wacoal Art Center, Tokyo, Japan

Art in Action, Sogetsu Museum, Tokyo, Japan

Out of the Ooo Cloud Edith C Blum Art Institute, Bard College Annandale on Hudson NY

## 1984

Via New York, Montreal Museum of Contemporary Art, Montreal, Canada

The Innovative Landscape, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, NY

New Hand-Painted Dreams: Contemporary Surrealism, Barbara Gladstone Gallery, NY Arte di Frontiera, Galerie d'Arte

Moderna, Bologna, Italy

Aperto 84 Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

The Human Condition, Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

Contemporary Perspectives 1984, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA

New Idioms, Robert Fraser Gallery, London, UK

New Attitudes Paris/New York, Pittsburg Center for the Arts, Pittsburg, PA



## **1983**

Champions, Tony Shafrazi Gallery NY, Fay Gold Gallery, Atlanta, GA Surrealist Show, Robert Miller Gallery, New York, NY

Morton G. Neuman Family Collection, Kalamazoo Institute of Art, Kalamazoo, Michigan

The Comic Art Show, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Back to the U.S.A, Kunstmuseum Luzern, Luzern, Switzerland

Tendencias en Nueva York, Palacio de Cristal, Madrid, Spain

Clocktower Open Studio Show, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY

Bienalle de Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil

References Palais de Beaux-Arts, Charleroi, Belgium

## **1982**

Installation Project Room, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY The Times Square Show Times Square , New York, NY

New Wave, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY

Drawing Show, Mudd Club, New York, NY

Beyond Words, Mudd Club , New York, NY

## **1981**

Open Stdio Show P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, NY

## **Special Projects**

### **2019**

Mural at the Bluffs, Playa Vista, CA

Mural at the City Club, Minneapolis, MN

## **Public Collections**

The Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach, FL  
Brant Foundation, Greenwich, CONN  
Emergentes Art Foundation, Lebanon  
The Dannheiser Foundation, New York, NY  
The Broad Foundation, Los Angeles, CA  
The Hall Foundation, Reading, VT  
Groniger Museum, Groniger, Holland  
Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY  
The Jewish Museum, New York, NY  
Lotte Museum, Seoul, Korea  
Ludwig Museum, Cologne, Germany  
Miami Art Museum, Miami, FL  
Museo DArte Contemporaneo De Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico  
Museu De Arte Moderna, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA  
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
New England Center for Contemporary Art, Brooklyn, CONN  
Pasadena Museum of California Art, Pasadena, CA  
Paterson Museum, Paterson, NJ  
Patrick Lannan Foundation, Los Angeles, CA  
Pearl Arts Foundation, Portland Oregon  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
Sogetsu Museum, Tokyo, Japan  
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Holland  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY